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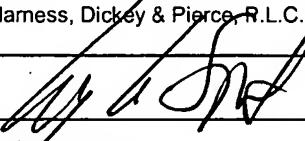
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Application Number	10/748,174
Filing Date	December 31, 2003
Inventor(s)	Lukas TROSMAN et al.
Group Art Unit	3663
Examiner Name	Johannes P. Mondt
Attorney Docket Number	24GA127099-1 (HDP 8564-000031/US)

ENCLOSURES (check all that apply)

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<input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/declaration(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application	<input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter
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SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT

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Signature	 for Reg. No. 57807		
Date	July 30, 2008		

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 10/748,174

Group Art Unit: 3663

Filing Date: December 31, 2003

Examiner: J. P. Mondt

Applicant: Lukas TROSMAN et al.

Title: DISTRIBUTED CLUMPING OF PART-LENGTH RODS FOR A
REACTOR FUEL BUNDLE

Attorney Docket: 24GA127099-1 (HDP#8564-000031/US)

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Date: July 30, 2008

Mail Stop Amendment

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 9, 2008, the following
amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2,
Remarks begin on page 6 of this Amendment.

	Claims remaining after		Highest number previously paid		Present extra
Total	8	-	20	=	0
Independent	3	-	3	=	0